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By CARL P. RUETH

It was quite a pleasant surprise to see the booklet, "A Guide For The Selection Of United States Commemorative Postage Stamps," produced by the Post Office Department under the guidance of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee. Here at last in print are some rules for the selection of proper commemorative subjects and events.

Just for the heck of it I checked through my U. S. Notes of the past five years ticking off the stamps to which this column had expressed opposition. There wasn't one of them which would have been issued if the current set of rules were then in force, and enforced. I think this fairly well vindicates the judgment displayed in decrying them.

It seems as though the Department is using a greater amount of discretion in the selection of subjects in the last two years. At least there were not so many stamps on the program which smacked of pressure politics and inconsequence.

The announced program for 1958 has only two weak spots, the Remonstrance and the Journalism, both of which apparently were sold heavily. But even these are far superior to the best of the Democrat debacle of 1948 when an election "just had to be won, regardless".

This Stamp Advisory Committee so far has done a meritorious job both as to design and subject of commemoration. They deserve commendation. I hope that the administration will continue to give them strong discretionary powers.

There are some amazing figures in the above-mentioned booklet. As for instance it states that the United States at the present time is handling approximately two-thirds of the world's mail. This includes 61 billion pieces a year (can you imagine a billion?) of which about one billion are parcels.

Pretty near 24 billion stamps of all kinds are used (commems might come to one billion)—2½ billion stamped envelopes, 3 billion postal cards, and 28 million airletter sheets. Face value amounts to over one billion dollars.

Further indication of the tremendous growth of the mail is shown by the figures for 1886 in which year every citizen averaged 60 pieces of mail, and 1956 when every man, woman and child received an average of 336. In this time the population has grown three-fold and the mail volume six-fold.

1. When the Parcel Post series was released back in 1912-13 Parcel Post Postage Due stamps were also issued. Can you name their denominations?

2. What denominations were there in the Parcel Post Series above the 10c?

Bruce B. Braun has called my attention to the column of Hubert Holloway in the Buffalo, N. Y. Evening News, his home town. It has a few paragraphs under the title of, "Truth Is Stranger", which carries some fact and a fair amount of fancy according to the philatelic record books. It is in any event, an interesting anecdote—

"Love of early-day Buffalonians for oysters and the spirit of free enterprise are directly responsible for our 3c postal rate which the Post Office Department is trying to change.

"Some leading citizens prevailed on Henry Wells of Wells Fargo fame back in the 1840's to bring in some oysters by coach. They cost \$3 per hundred. Later when Uncle Sam tried to enter the express business through a rival company of Pomeroy and Co., as Wells' firm was then named, Buffalo bankers stood loyal to Pomeroy.

"In 1845 Wells hit back at Uncle Sam in a sensitive spot. At the time the postage rate between Buffalo and New York City was 25c a letter. Wells offered to carry letters for 6c. James W. Hale started carrying letters for 5c. The government tried to crack the legal whip. Indictments flew.

"Uncle Sam finally cut the rate and in 1848 a uniform postage rate of 3c was made effective for the entire United States."

A number of weeks ago I discussed some of the advantages and many of the dangers inherent in various adhesives and solvents used by collectors. Condensed for use to affix stamps and cov-

ers to an album page were cellophane scotch tape, rubber cement and ordinary mucilage or paste.

Since then I have gotten an informative letter from Harry M. Buten, honorary president of the National Philatelic Museum, and in his money-making hours of life, owner of a paint business. The things he describes have some use to collectors like most everything else, but you have to pick you spots.

I might mention that to date nothing has appeared which takes the place of a good hinge for the mounting of a stamp. Now on to Mr. Buten's comments—

"In my paint business I have found the following materials which may be of some help to some of your readers.

"A. Permanent Scotch Tape is now on the market. It has the following advantages over the regular cellophane kind. The disadvantages are slightly higher price and lower sticking ability:

- "1. Thinner
- "2. Takes writing with pencil
- "3. Waterproof
- "4. Almost invisible.
- "5. No age discoloration
- "6. No oozing of rubber
- "7. No sticking of adjacent papers

"B. Philatelic Fluid is available at \$1.25 a pint from a local Philadelphia dealer. It is as toxic, or rather non-toxic, as jewelers' naphtha. Like carbon tetrachloride it will not burn, evaporates rapidly and is a splendid spot, stain, grease and rubber remover.

"C. Polyvinyl Acetate glues are on the market. Elmer's Glue All is the one I use.

- "1. Permanent non-staining features
- "2. Whiteness disappears unless too heavy
- "3. Water soluble
- "4. Fast drying
- "5. Firm adhesive
- "6. Easily rubbed into and wash off hands."

The above-mentioned materials are accessory for various odd jobs and are not intended to affix stamps and covers to the album page. The solvent mentioned I believe is safe. I do not know whether it has been tested extensively with stamps printed by photogravure. Many times the inks of such are most sensitive to solvents.

Paul D. Zemany of Scotia, N. Y. has sent a sample of 1, 1, 1, Trichlorethane which he states is as suitable for watermark detecting as the old stand-by fluids of benzene and carbon tetrachloride. I have tried it on several United States stamps noting no damage to the gum, paper or ink.

It doesn't reveal the watermark any quicker or plainer, but according to Mr. Zemany it is "not toxic or flammable", characteristics of the other pair of chemicals. I mean it is non-toxic to breathe where the carbon tet is. On the other hand you can't inhale gobs of the stuff and come off unscathed. The trichlorethane is also said to be non-irritating to the skin.

Presently it is sold in large drums only and for that reason is difficult to obtain. It is not any more costly than the benzene or carbon tet.

Any chemists among our readers who have knowledge of this material might want to render an opinion as to its effects on stamps printed by various methods from different kinds of inks, or the paper or the gum. If there are any potential dangers or damage we should know them now.

If you haven't gotten an answer to your letter, you will in the very near future. I am now returned from the ASDA Show in New York and will tackle the stack as "furiously" as possible.

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Pan-American Group Invites Collectors

The Collectors Club of New York City was the scene recently of the first meeting of the directors of the Pan American Philatelic Federation since the retirement of Peter Wright from the organization he had created and run.

The group had been well-nigh inactive for some time, following Mr. Wright's withdrawal due to illness, until this meeting. Attending it were F. Burton Sellers, of New York, president; Joseph Mandos, Philadelphia, and Samuel Dalsimer, New York, vice presidents; Ubaldo del Toro, Puerto Rico, international secretary and Henry Feldman, Roslyn Heights, New York treasurer.

The first and most important item of business concerned the Federation's publication, "Pan American Philatelist". Richard N. Cone, Tucson, Ariz., new co-editor along with James H. Beal of Warren, Ohio, reported by mail that two issues are almost complete. The first will be in the mail to members before October is over. The publication, now in its third year, will continue to report on all phases of Latin American philately, and bids fair to become the prime source of authoritative information devoted to all Latin American philately.

Another important subject covered was the filling of vacancies in the list of country representatives, and approval of an outline of their duties. The Federation has representatives in many of the 22 Latin American countries who are outstanding philatelists in their own areas. They supply new issue information, answer question, and promote the welfare of Latin American Philately through the Federation.

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St. Rita Of Cascia

William Wonneberger, Jr.

To mark the fifth centenary of the Death of St. Rita of Cascia three stamps were released by Vatican City on May 19, 1956. The stamps, designed by the famous miniaturist Casimira Dabrowska, depict St. Rita wearing the habit of an Augustinian nun. The stamps were printed at the State Printing Office, Rome by photogravure in sheets of 60 stamps. The space in the upper left corner which would normally be occupied by four stamps bears the inscription "One Sheet of Sixty Stamps Value—Lire" in Italian.



It was in a peasant home of Roccaporena located in the central Apennines that Rita entered the world in 1381. Even as a child she was an exemplary daughter to her parents who were in their twilight years. She showed an extraordinary piety and love of prayers. While still in her early years she was determined to dedicate herself to the service of God by joining the Augustinian order of nuns who had a convent at Cascia.

Unfortunately her parents insisted that she forget her desires and decreed that she marry. Though only 12 years of age she felt she would serve God best by obeying her parents.

The husband chosen for Rita by her parents was a very poor one. His mean temper was the fear of the community. His brutal and violent abuse of the future St. Rita was received by her with unwavering patience. Even his infidelities did not cause her to depart from her calm perseverance.

She watched her two sons grow to imitate their father in temperment and deeds. Secretly Rita prayed for them in tears. After eighteen years of unsatisfactory married life her husband realized how badly he treated her. Begging her forgiveness for the misery he caused her he vowed to lead a better life. Shortly afterward he was carried home dead, his body inflicted with many wounds.

The two sons swore revenge of their father's death. In her grief Rita prayed that they might die rather than commit murder in their quest of vengeance. Her prayers were answered before they could carry out their vow and they were struck with a fatal illness. With tenderness that only mothers seem to have, she nursed them in their sickness.

While her care did not result in their recovery St. Rita succeeded in bringing them back to a better frame of mind. They died forgiving and forgiven. With her family gone Rita again longed for the life of a religious and tried to enter the convent at Cascia. She made application to enter the convent only to learn that the constitution of the order stated that only virgins could be received.

She tried three times to enter the convent begging to serve in any capacity. Three times Rita was politely but firmly refused. Again she tried and her perseverance was rewarded. The rules were relaxed to allow her to enter the convent in 1413.

St. Rita brought the same submission to authority she had shown, both as a daughter and wife, to the convent. Her observance of the rules were followed to the letter. To try her, the Mother Superior asked that she water a dead vine in the convent gardens. Rita not only obeyed but continued to water the plant daily.

Where rules were elastic such as the matter of additional austerities and sacrifices she spared herself no mercy. Rita's charity was particularly shown in the

care of her sister nuns when they were stricken with illness and for the return of God to Christians who had fallen by the wayside.

While listening to a sermon on the crown of thorns by St. James della Marca in 1441 a strange physical event took place. As Rita knelt in prayer she suffered a severe pain similar to a thorn which had embedded itself in her forehead. It soon became an open wound which suppurated. It became so offensive to those about her that she had to be separated from the others in the convent.

Desiring to make a pilgrimage to Rome during the Holy Year Jubilee of 1450 with the other nuns Rita prayed that the wound would be healed. Her prayers were again answered and she journeyed to Rome. Upon her return to the convent the wound again appeared, this time remaining with her for the rest of her life.

Though stricken with a wasting illness in her later years Rita uttered not a word of complaint or dissatisfaction. In spite of her pain she continued to sleep on rough straw and refused to relax her austerities. On May 22, 1457 Rita was spared her pain and joined Her Maker.

Because of the many miracles which occurred as a result of her intercession Spain bestowed upon her the title of "The Saint of the Impossible and The Advocate of the Desperate Cases". In 1637 Pope Urban VIII permitted her Mass and Office.

St. Rita was canonized on May 24, 1900 by Pope X (now St. Pius X). May 22 of each year is set aside by the Catholic Church as her feast day.

Did you notice the roses in the design of the stamps? According to tradition a visitor from her native town visited St. Rita on her death bed. She asked her visitor to go to the garden and bring her a rose. As it was very early in the season the visitor regarded this as nothing but a sick woman's whim which could not be fulfilled. To please St. Rita she did go to the garden and to her great surprise there was a rose in full bloom!

Returning, the visitor asked if she could do anything further. St. Rita then requested two figs from the garden. The visitor rushed to the garden to find two figs on a leafless tree!

Because of this the rose has been regarded as St. Rita's emblem and roses are blessed in all Augustinian churches on her feast day.

Steinway Collection At Auction In March

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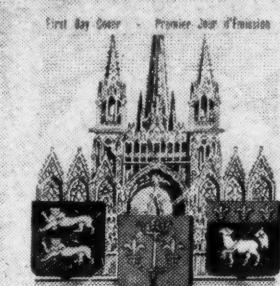
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Why I Collect Roman States

Bert Happ

Like most every boy I was a general collector at the age of 10, and like a great number, I dropped collecting after a year. While in the army in Italy I was asked to send home some stamps for a nephew who had started collecting. The old interest was aroused and soon I was buying like mad "for my nephew", who, upon my arrival home had dropped collecting and quickly surrendered his collection to me.

Italy had brought me to the Vatican and its stamps fascinated me, so I soon had Vatican complete. The Old Italian States were touched upon, and let go because of catalogue price and the title "classic" applied by various philatelic articles to these 19th century items.

Even when I joined the Vatican Philatelic Society, I avoided Roman States stamps because I knew nothing about them and there was always the rumor that they "were loaded with forgeries". Vatican took my interest but in their study "Roman States" kept popping up one way or another. No one I knew seemed to know much about them and dealers referred me to various works either out of print or in German. I had only a smattering of Italian from my two years in Italy. Correspondence with various members of the Vatican Philatelic Society slowly aroused my interest and soon I "got my feet wet" with a small lot of Roman States stamps.

Putting my little bit of Italian to use, I worked through two Italian catalogues, and soon found that not only were there three issues of Roman States, but I began to get interested in the various shades on the First Issue of 1852. More correspondence followed trying to ascertain which shades were which. But even the catalogues disagreed. Finally I took refuge with the Italian expert, Alberto Diena, who graded my stamps of the First Issue by shade for me. Slowly the collection increased and the shades filled out to a good representative collection of this issue.

What about those forgeries? This was supposed to be the big scare especially in the high values, which catalogue so high. Billig's book on Roman States Forgeries was found and pondered over from time to time. When a high priced stamp was purchased, it went to Diena to be expertized. In about twenty such purchases only one forgery showed up—one of the better type of forgeries.

By this time I was interested in collecting forgeries of this issue. I found and still find that it is harder to secure a forgery than the genuine. Four or five years of search have turned up only sixteen forgeries, most given to me as such. The one forgery of the 1 Scudo purchased as genuine was a real good one. The dealer gave me full refund and a present of the forgery.

At this stage I decided I had to get into the Second and Third Issues of Roman States. Here was another bug-a-boo, the reprints. Forgeries in these two series are most rare, but reprints are most plentiful. Correspondence with various members of the Vatican Philatelic Society brought a digest of their knowledge and the loan of articles on the subject.

The Third Issue was perforated 13. Almost 100% of the reprints are perforated 11. A perf 13 reprint is a rarity.

The Second Issue is imperforate and posed a problem, until reading and being shown that in

the genuine the dividing lines between stamps are continuous horizontally, while in the reprints 99% have the lines broken horizontally. Finding a dividing line on a stamp made me 99% sure of identification. I had Diena as my court of appeal when in doubt. Slowly a collection of shades in these two issues built toward completion.

What about the batch of reprints that had accumulated? By now I wanted to know something more about the reprints. VPS members again supplied information and articles. The loan of a complete collection of reprints in full sheets allowed me to sort and identify my own reprints by the printers name and number of his reprint. Slowly these sorted out into a collection that was sufficiently complete that when combined with my collection of shades of the genuine gives me some certainty in identifying stamps of the Second or Imperforate Issue of the Roman States.

In the process of translating the Italian catalogues, especially the recent one of Bolaffi, I went (painfully) through much of the Postal History of the Roman

States and other specialized information. Lists of post offices aroused only a cursory interest, until one day one of my VPS correspondents loaned me an article which contained illustrations of Roman States postmarks. I began to examine more closely the few covers that I had with increasing interest.

I soon learned that some town cancels were rare, but even at this stage I have found no catalogue of their relative value. This is a new direction toward which my curiosity will sometime lead me, and the great variety of cancels, as well as combination of franking to make rates and mixed franking hold allure for some future time.

I am still far from an expert. I still lean on others for information and source material. But the amount that I have learned makes me want to learn more. Sooner or later I will find it and in its acquisition find more pleasure in collecting Roman States.

Various writers characterize Roman States stamps as hardly the most beautiful; but all agree that they are intensely interesting to collect and study. There are shades to collect. Their postal history is fascinating. Forgeries and reprints give another field to explore. Covers offer great variety in their markings.

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William P. Quinn

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Pope Paul III, under whose patronage this academy flourished, resigned for 15 years, and availing himself of the craftsmanship of these artists, restored and renovated the "Eternal City". The numerous objects of art associated with his family name

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Having seen the artistic beauty of these stamps and having learned something of the interesting history behind each of them, we can be certain that the diligent planning and expert designing entailed in the production of Vatican stamps, really

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Camel Mail Covers

Bruce Conde

With many groans and grumbles, the lanky buff-colored camel arose in front of the Taiz General Post Office and looked hastily about for an excuse not to trot off with the mail to Sana'a. Camels habitually protest against any loading whatsoever as unfair and inhumane, but once their bluff is called, they are more dependable than the mail truck in getting the mail through on schedule during the rainy season in the Yemen mountains of southwestern Arabia.



With characteristic groans and much grumbling, the loaded beast struggles to his feet. Atop his highly assorted cargo is the ever present rifle — of problematical vintage—for use against possible highway hazards.

The camel postman, an experienced tribal levy of the army serving on detached service with the post office due to the importance of keeping the mails moving in spite of the weather, knew his beast's tricks. Without ado he tugged the animal's head around in the direction of Sana'a by pulling the cord holding the nose ring through one nostril, and stepped on the accelerator, so to speak.

Yemenie Arabs ride camels by placing one foot on the creature's neck and letting the other dangle on the right side. As they ride barefoot, it does not hurt the camel when increased pressure on the neck urges him to greater speed. The drivers, anyway, are really soft-hearted, and they hand-feed their mounts with specially-wrapped packets of dhurah (sorghum) leaves to make sure they get enough and the best of food.

The driver started out at a run, so that the camel would be so relieved to slow down to his usual gait that he would no longer remember to protest having to leave the mild climate to Taiz (elevation 4,500 ft.) for the cold of the high Sana'a plateau (8,000 ft.) via the 10,000 ft. Sumara Pass.

It was a two-camel caravan, and the junior postman, a tribal boy under study, had a hard time getting his smaller camel to catch up. As they had to take a circuitous route on the main road out of town, including clearing the customs station, I was able to dash down a footpath and meet them on the highroad to Sana'a, just in time to snap a picture of them ambling down the road. A week later they were back in Taiz asking me for copies of the photo.

I had to get my photos quickly, after several false starts on previous weeks, for it was getting toward the end of the September "big rains" and as soon as they ceased, and the Sumara Pass road could be repaired for auto traffic again, the picturesque camel mail service on one of Yemen's main routes would be suspended again.

Here is the process your camel mail cover goes through from the time it reaches the Taiz GPO mail room until it is delivered in Sana'a, 120 miles (as the crow flies) to the north, three days later:

If it is incoming foreign mail (by truck from Aden or Hodeida), it is thrown into one of the two or three big mail pouches marked "Sana'a" and is eventually placed on the camel's back without further adventures. But if it origi-

and Maria Theresa silver thalers. If it is in the afternoon, they are chewing qat and smoking hubble-bubble water pipes.

The postmaster throws a few sheets of stamps onto the letter piles and the clerks begin the long task of affixing stamps. As the front of each cover is usually entirely taken up with the address and sender's return address, they have to put the stamps on the back, as a seal to the flap, wetting the adhesives with a rubber sponge. Holding the stamped cover face down on the palm of the left hand, one of the clerks applies the cancellation with the other hand.

Hasan's employer, proprietor of the al-Rifq Pharmacy, wants to remit 100 Maria Therasas to Sana'a, with covering letter attached. "Impossible," says the clerk, consigning the letter to the appropriate pile, "we must send the money separately." He counts the 110 big silver "cartwheels", separating the Post Office's fee of ten from the 100 to be transmitted. Money orders are only deliverable in kind, at a flat fee of 10%.



Literally "tying out the mail" for Sana'a, in front of the Taiz, Yemen, post office. Shown clearly are a benevolent Nature's "nose flaps" which permit the camel to close his nostrils against desert sandstorms.

At about noon the mail is ready to leave. The camel postman gets some of the clerks to help him transport the three big mail pouches and innumerable smaller

bundles to the kneeling camel, waiting outside the Post Office door. First a white wrapped cloth (Continued on page 11)

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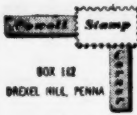
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The stamps included a fine U. S. collection, a very fine showing of Canada, a collection of Newfoundland complete excepting for a few of the great rarities, and many other properties. Cash to about \$900 was also taken.

The thieves were not completely successful, in that the late Dr. Lane's award winning collection of "Black Jacks" had been so well hidden by Mrs. Lane that the culprits were unable to find it.

Entrance was made through a window in the stamp room, but the thieves were frightened into fleeing when a neighbor turned on several lights in her home about 3 a. m. In their hurried exit they dropped one small album.

The robbery was not discovered until the next morning when the neighbor, Mrs. E. C. Hoelt, noticed the Lane's front door open and investigated. She called police, who, it is said, attributed the job to amateurs.

Once again, collectors or dealers who are offered suspicious material by unknown vendors are urged to use caution and, preferably, to notify proper police authorities.

CAMEL MAIL

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container is carefully placed in the saddle bags. It is heavy, for it contains several hundred Maria Therasas, partly money orders, partly payment in advance for new stocks of stamps needed from Sana'a's hoard.

Then the bulging mail pouches are divided between the camels, followed by as many small bundles as there is room for. Some of these are only "semi-official" or private deals, with small gratifications going both to the clerks and the camelman.

As the heavy mail bags are strapped on, the camels' groans of protest become louder. Sometimes they sweep their heads around menacingly, emitting gurgling roars, but they are only bluffing—they rarely bite anyone.

At 1bb, a day's ride out of Taiz, one of the smaller packets is handed to the local postmaster in exchange for his Sana'a-bound mail. Ibb has only 12,000 people, and the mail is light. Sumara Pass, whose auto road is reduced to a camel track by landslides and bogs during the "big rains", is negotiated the second day, with Yarim's mail delivered on the other side.

Part of the Sumara route offers no problem to the camels, although it is of necessity bypassed by the cars. It is the excellent stone roadway of the 12th century built by Yemen's "Catherine the Great", the famous medieval ruler Queen Sayida bint Ahmad. "The Sayida's" road has many stretches of stone stairs not suitable for cars, and in places it is too narrow, but most of it is still in an excellent state of preservation and most welcome to camel caravans.

It also has fountains and way-side stops provided by "the Sayida", which evoke grateful mention of the capable lady's name. She was the last great ruler of the Sulayhid dynasty. After her worthless nephew, the nominal king, had finally frittered away the family patrimony and Yemen had fallen into anarchy, the country was conquered, in 1173, by Turan Shah, brother of the redoubtable Saladin, Sultan of Islam.

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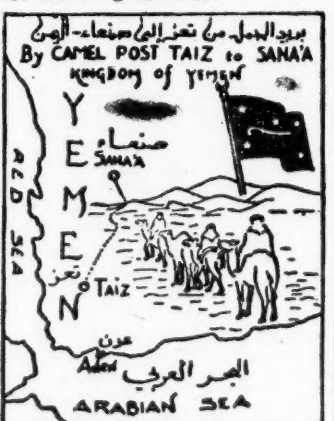
UNUSUAL IS THIS HUNGARIAN TRYPTICH for Stamp Day, franking this October 13 FD cover submitted by Dr. Rudolph Szekely, Santa Monica, Calif. Each of the end stamps has a face value of 1 forint, but the price of the strip is listed at 6ft. on the back of the center label. The latter carries the monogram "MABEO SZ" to indicate the legend printed around the border (Hungarian National Stamp Exhibition). The printing is in brown, green and red brown respectively (left to right) on yellow paper. One stamp shows an early mail runner; the other, a modern jet plane.

which succeeded Saladin's House in Yemen, there are not to be found here any roads as good as "the Sayida's" down to the present time, excepting a few modern macadam ones around Taiz constructed by the reigning Imam Ahmad.

On the night of the third day, or the morning of the fourth, the mail caravan moves through medieval Sana'a's middle gate and passes under a Turkish period arch cut through the "Majlis" or municipal building. It then swings right, across the end of Shararah Square (shown on Scott's Nos. 68-70 and on airmail stamps 8-9), to the white General Post Office (the building at the foot of the four tall trees at the left on Nos. 68-70 and on the right on No. C9).

Here the camels kneel while the mail bags are removed and the Maria Therasas are counted. They are then given a brief rest before the southbound mail leaves Thursday night for Taiz. Upon reaching Taiz Sunday night they are taken off the mail run for a week, and another team takes over, Monday morning or noon.

In response to many requests for identifiable camel mail covers from this route, a Beirut dealer arranged with Yemen Postal Adviser Mustafa al-Kablaway, last year, to strike a special camel mail cachet on a batch of 4-bogash covers making the Taiz to Sana'a run. The cachet, cut from one of these covers as an illustration for this article, is in red, with the following features:



The background has an outline map of Yemen, with the Red Sea on the left and the Arabian Sea at the bottom. Taiz and Sana'a are clearly marked, as is the port of Aden. A camel caravan is seen leaving for the north, while above the mountains flanking Sumara Pass waves the five-starred flag of Yemen, with its Sword of Ali on the red background banner of the Himyaritic emperors of yore. The bilingual inscription across the top

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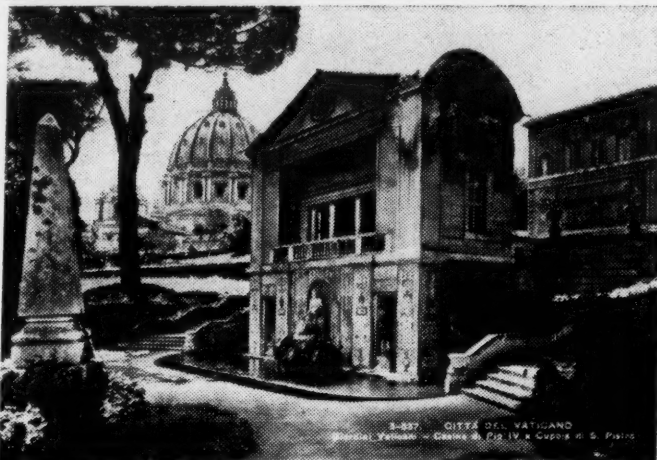
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On October 9, 1957 Vatican City released a set of two commemoratives to mark the 20th anniversary of the reorganization of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. They were printed in sheets of 40 at the State Printing Office, Rome by photogravure on paper watermarked with the Crossed Keys. The design, which depicts the building of the academy, marks the debut of a new Vatican designer, Grassellini.

The buildings of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences are more commonly known as the Casino of Pius IV. They had their beginnings during the Pontificate of Paul IV when the pope began the "Boscareggio", or "building of wood" in the Vatican Gardens beyond the broad Belvedere alley (the present Belvedere Court).

In December 1559, Pope Pius IV ascended the Throne of Peter and immediately renewed work on the building with vigor. This was entrusted to Bernardino Manfredi who served as superintendent and to the architects Pirro Ligorio and Salustio Peruzzi. Pius IV died before the Casino was completed. Subsequent popes added to its embellishment until today it is the most impressive structure within the Vatican Gardens.

Though this issue marks the 20th anniversary of the reorganization of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences we must go back to 1603 for its beginning when a 20 year old Roman Prince, Federico Cesi, together with three others of approximately the same age, formed the nucleus of the first scientific academy in the modern world.

The name of Accademia dei Lincei was so named for the penetrating eye of the lynx, symbolizing the search into the unknown which is science. The academy's interests included astronomy, botany, mineralogy, and zoology. Its young members were not satisfied merely to increase their own scientific understanding and knowledge but strived to disseminate the results of their research throughout the world.

The prestige of the academy was increased greatly when Galileo Galilei was enrolled as a member. Upon the death of Prince Cesi a gradual inactivity settled over the institution until it came to a standstill in 1651.

A few feeble attempts were made to revive it but this was not accomplished until 1801. Francesco Caetani succeeded in the revival which became known as the Nuovi Lincei (New Lynx).

The popes had always supported the academy since its inception in 1603 and their generosity gradually drew the organization closer to the Papacy. In 1847 Pope Pius IX raised the academy to a papal institution with headquarters in the Campidoglio. When World War I had drawn to a close Pope Benedict XV instituted a complete reform of the Pontifical Academy under the presidency of Rev. Giuseppe Gianfranceschi. Before the reform had a chance to get off the ground Benedict XV died. He was succeeded by Pope Pius XI whose enthusiasm for the resurrection of the academy was boundless.

His first step was to choose the Casino of Pius IV as the new headquarters thereby placing it in the shadow of St. Peter's Dome. Upon the death of Father Gianfranceschi, Pius XI appointed the brilliant rector and founder of the Catholic University of Milan, Italy, Rev. Agostino Gemelli to serve as president.

The Pontiff placed his broad but carefully prepared plans for revival into effect. He delivered his famous "Motu Proprio" in which he clearly defined the aims of the Pontifical Academy of Science by stating, "...To serve the truth exclusively without prejudice or bonds not pertaining

to the scientific field."

Pius XI went on to say, "The Academy's intention is not to honor Catholics dedicated to Science, but rather to honor Science as a font of Truth and therefore as a means of liberation from evil; God alone is Truth, and Science expresses one of the most beautiful harmonies, one of the most magnificent glories of God's goodness and charity."

The message was regarded throughout the world as, more than a mere inauguration of a reform. Both the scientific and lay press cheered the Holy Father's proposal for closer ties between the Holy See and science. Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, Secretary of State, and Father Gemelli, President of the Pontifical Academy of Science, worked long hours carefully scrutinizing long lists of nominations for membership.

Famous scientists throughout the world were considered—their fame and contributions to science were not to be the only factors considered. Their moral and civil conduct had to be beyond reproach and a respectful attitude toward religion was deemed a necessity.

The list of seventy members was completed and it clearly displayed the broad and international scope of the body. The only common interest among them was science. Members were derived from twenty different nations of many continents. Religious beliefs varied as much as the scientific fields they pursued. Among the list of names was Robert Millikan of the California Institute of Technology, famed for his contributions on cosmic rays.

In October 1936 Pope Pius XI presented his "In Multis Solaciis" which listed the seventy members of the academy who were to be awarded life membership. The old title of Academy of the Lynx was discarded and the reorganized institution named the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. This important document also laid down the statutes, and further stated that the purpose was to promote the study and progress of mathematical, natural and physical sciences and their history.

World War II again interrupted the work but it did not cease



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completely. When peace once again claimed the world Pope Pius XII called upon the Academicians as well as other qualified scientists to submit a summary of their scientific research carried on during the war years for a general report. The Pontiff not only wished to place this reservoir of human knowledge before humanity but to again establish scientific communication on an international scale.

The Pontifical Academy was more than an honor society formed to honor scientists for past performances. In keeping the statues laid down by Pope Pius XI, the academy promoted science in its varied fields in many ways. Publications play a prominent role in disseminating information. Research and reports of a highly technical or specialized character are published in the "Acts".

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Since the beginning of time scientists have disagreed even when their researches were in identical fields. Many times opinions have contradicted each other. As claims and counter-claims were voiced progress was retarded. Since its inception the Academy sought to relieve this problem by means of a "Study Week" where members of a specific field but holding varied and contrary opinions are brought together in the serene and peaceful surroundings of the Pontifical Academy, and Vatican Gardens. Through discussion and comparison of notes a solid basis is often established for a single unified train of thought.

At various times the Holy Father awards prizes to members who have distinguished themselves in their particular branch of science.

When Pope Pius XI upon his reformation of the Academy was asked, "Did not the Church and Science hold views which were incompatible?" He replied, that truly objective science can never conflict with the Church for both are the work of God. The Pontifical Academy of Sciences firmly confirms his reply.

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25-26	.95	1.90	4.75	6.75	1.00
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31-32	.65	1.10	3.00	4.75	.65
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105	.24	.35	1.20	.13	.18
106	.11	.25	.60	.48	.09
107	.19	.35	1.20	.83	.16
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REBUILDING BASILICA
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by taking special care in restoring the churches of the city, especially St. Peters. Having seen the first gate by Ghiberti for the Baptistery of Florence, he commissioned the Florentine architect, Antonio Averulino, surnamed Filarete, to make new bronze doors for St. Peters. They were put in place on June 26, 1445 and still adorn the central entrance of the new St. Peters.

Not as fine in their workmanship as Ghiberti's they exhibit the evil influence of the Renaissance by combining with the figures of Christ and His Blessed Mother and the saints the busts of the Roman emperors and the forms of Mars, Jupiter, Roma, Ganymede, Hero and Leander, and Leda and the Swan.

Into the service of Pope Eugenius came Fra Angelico da Fiesole, the most devout of Christian artists, in whose works the mystical tendency of Italian art reaches its climax in the decoration of the new Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament. (Pastor, Vol. I, pp. 69-71, 359-361).



The Great Plans And Work Of Nicholas V.

The great architectural undertakings of Nicholas V (1447-1455), consisting of new buildings and restorations, were a continuation of the works of Martin V and Eugenius IV. They were to restore the havoc wrought in the city by the neglect during the papal residence at Avignon.

Nicholas planned three different categories of work: defense, sanitation or embellishment, and piety. In the last class was the rebuilding of the Vatican Borgo, the Papal Palace and the Basilica of St. Peters.

Eugenius IV had opened a road through the ruins and rubbish to the Bridge of Sant'Angelo, and had endeavored to attract inhabitants to this section of Rome by remitting all taxes for 25 years.

Nicholas V proposed, in connection with his plans for St. Peters and the Vatican, to rebuild this section entirely in the style of the Renaissance and to create a monumental residence for the Holy See.

According to this plan, the tomb of St. Peter was to be the focal point of the construction, even though situated at one of the extremities of the area.

The opposite extremity was to be formed by a large square at the Bridge of Sant'Angelo. From this square three broad avenues were to lead to another open space at the foot of Vatican Hill. The central one was to lead to the Basilica; the right to the Vatican Palace; the left to the buildings facing the Palace. These streets were to be flanked by colonnades as protection against rain and sun.

The lower stories of the buildings on them were to be shops (each street divided into sections for separate trades) while the upper stories were to be dwelling places for members of the papal court. The whole project was to be artistically designed.

The principal square into which the three avenues were to lead (flanked on the left by houses for the clergy, on the right by the Papal Palace, to the rear by the Basilica of St. Peters) was to be 550 feet in length and 275 feet in breadth. In its center a group of colossal figures of the Four Evangelists was to support the obelisk of Nero. A bronze statue of Christ holding a golden cross in His hand was to surmount the obelisk.

At the end of the square, where the ground began to rise, broad steps would lead to a platform with marble belfries on each side. Between and behind these belfries there was to be a double portico with five portals, the three central doors corresponding to the central avenue from the Bridge of Sant'Angelo, and the two side doors to the other two avenues. The portico would lead to a court surrounded by pillars with a central fountain, and finally to the Basilica itself.

The best of art and science in the way of beauty and magnificence was to be incorporated into the new St. Peters planned by Nicholas V. The church plan was of Basilica style, with nave and

double aisles divided by pillars, with a row of chapels along each of the outer aisles. It was to be 640 feet long and 320 feet wide, with the inside of the dome 220 feet high.

The interior was to be richly decorated, and the upper walls to be pierced by circular windows for full lighting. The altar was to be at the intersection of the nave and the transept, with the papal throne and stalls for the cardinals in the apse. The roof was to be of lead, the pavement of colored marbles. To the rear was to be a Campo Santo for the burial of popes.

This papal city, detached by nature from the rest of Rome, was to be a fortified citadel, yet also to contain the splendor of the Renaissance. The Vatican Palace was to be a citadel in itself. The ground floor was to be a summer residence, with spacious corridors, halls and pavilions surrounding gardens which would be crossed by streams, having trees and flowers.

The second floor was to be the winter residence; the top one the residence in spring and autumn. This Palace was to include quarters for the cardinals, administrative offices for the Papal Court, a magnificent hall for papal coronations and reception of notables, together with suitable accommodations for conclaves, treasurers of the church, several chapels and a library.

In the time of Nicholas V this was not judged to be a fantastic project. Nicholas was only 49. With the resources at hand he might have accomplished it if he had lived for 20 years instead of 8. Even so, he accomplished almost all the necessary restorations and erected a number of buildings. Death came at a time when he would have been free to concentrate on the creation of this new papal city.

This plan has been attributed to Leon Battista Alberti in its general conception and details. Nicholas V intended to build a more beautiful church in honor of St. Peter, and had carried the walls of the choir apse to the height of 52 feet. On the advice of Alberti the work was stopped and Alberti laid before Pope Nicholas his works on architecture.

Nicholas had, at that time no intention of pulling down old St. Peters, but had planned the restoration of the portico, repaving the floor, renewing the mosaics, roof, doors and windows. He intended to retain the old basilica as long as possible by repairs and only to rebuild the apse. The impression made on Nicholas V by the 10 books on architecture of Alberti was instantaneous, profound and convincing. He adopted the new gigantic plan.

Before a single step had been taken to rebuild St. Peters, Nicholas V died. Julius II later began the project, but with different plans.

The idea of pulling down the ancient basilica of St. Peters was ill received, both in the time of Nicholas V and later. Actually it was only a question of time before it must be done. It was stated it would fall by itself in fifty years.

The old basilica was of daring architectural design. The upper walls were pierced by windows and rested on slender columns, unsupported by buttresses. When these fall out of perpendicular to any degree, the condition of the building is hopeless and it must come down.

Leon Battista Alberti states that the south wall of St. Peters leaned outward 4 feet 9 inches; architect Jacopo Grimaldi says that the paintings on the south wall were practically invisible because of the dust gathered due to the slant of the wall. Those on the north wall could be seen. Grimaldi estimated the building to be 3 feet 1 1/2 inches out of line at that time.

In the first year of his reign, Nicholas V appointed a special architect for the Vatican Palace. One set of rooms was restored and decorated. Then the plan of Alberti was adopted and execution of it begun. The new library, hall for equerries and the Belvedere together with the new Chapel of St. Lawrence were built in that order, while walls and towers rose around the papal citadel. Associated with Alberti as architects were Bernardo Gamberelli surnamed Rossellino and Antoniodi Francesco, both Florentines, and Fioravante degli Alberti, a Bolognese.

Fioravante in 1452 transported four giant monolith pillars from an old building behind the Pantheon and placed them in the choir of St. Peters. He was chosen to execute the placing of the obelisk on the four giant statues of the Evangelists.

Work was done in three differ-

ent ways: architects were paid fixed salaries and materials were supplied to them; work was paid by piece; or a contractor put up an entire building. Beltramo di Martino of Varese was the contractor who built the choir of St. Peters. Nicholas V was able to harmonize each art to its proportionate place, making architecture queen and all others subordinate.

Sculpture seems neglected, but only because its time had not come into the plan when Nicholas died. Marquetry and painting were employed in the decoration of the Palace. Among the painters was Fra Giovanni Angelico da Fiesole (1387-1455). Fra Angelico's frescoes, started under Eugenius IV and destroyed under Paul III, were the Vatican's most precious ornament at this time.



In 1449 a study was decorated by Fra Angelico and his pupils. Fra Giovanni da Firenze did two windows for this room, of the Blessed Virgin and Sts. Stephen and Lawrence. The paintings of Fra Angelico in the Chapel of St. Lawrence were done in this period and it has been inferred that these two rooms are one and the same, being built as a study and then turned into a chapel by Nicholas V.

Three walls of this chamber are decorated by a double row of paintings of scenes from the lives of Sts. Lawrence and Stephen, united by popular custom when their remains were placed in the same tomb in St. Lawrence outside the walls. Fra Angelico was past sixty when he did these paintings, and still retained his mastery. The Ordination of St. Stephen, Distribution of Alms, and St. Stephen Preaching equal the best of the great masters. Fra Angelico shows in his backgrounds that he grasped the principles of architecture of his time, combining classical and Christian.

Among other painters attracted to Rome by Nicholas V were Benedetto Buonfiglio of Perugia (one of Perugino's most distinguished predecessors), Bartolomeo da Foligno of Foligno (master of Niccolo Alunno), Andrea del Castagno, Piero della Francesca, and Bramantino. From Rome itself there was Simone da Roma. Nicholas V assigned each artist according to his judgement of their ability.

At this time also, Nicholas V laid the foundation of the Vatican Library, by his collection and search for manuscripts, translations by scholars, etc. The library was intended for world wide use by scholars. (Pastor II, pp 169-190, 208-214)

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News From The Three Germanies

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Another season will have begun by the time this is in print, and more catalogues will have been published. As far as Germany goes, there is but one catalogue (ignoring the East "Lipsia" production which is not bound by "seasons" but rather by the publishing requirements of the state plan and the paper allocation). That catalogue is the Michel.

Punctually each September 1 it appears on our desks and in our bookshelves. This year it is in light blue, last year in black, the year before in gray and in red previous to that, and each year it becomes more difficult to say new and original things about it.

There are basically but the prices to check (up about 25% on last year, with a notable rise in some Third Reich material) and some of the especially "interesting" items have doubled. Then there is the editorial work, the correction, completion and emendation, all of which tends to be taken for granted by the collector.

"Fashion" Material Retains Its Values

There are of course various "peak" items in the post-war German group which are of particular interest and which in their movements reflect the strength or weakness of the market, i.e. the ability to buy the material at the prices offered.

Count about 5 to 6DM. to the \$1 U.S. when converting into U.S. catalogue ratings the following prices which are in marks:

Federal Republic	Mint	Used
1949 Hanover Fair		
Block	20.00	22.50
Cycle Race (set)	8.50	8.50
Goethe (set)	17.75	17.75
Bundestag (set)	8.00	7.00
Stamp Cen. (set)	16.00	16.00
UPU	7.00	6.50
Welfare	14.75	14.75
1950 Bach (set)	11.00	11.00
Cypher-Posthorn (set)	50.00	3.25

This little extract will give a fair idea of the movement in the German market for this class of stuff; all common enough, six or seven years back, but now definitely on the pricey side. Of course the real peaks are still outstanding: DDR Goethe Block at 60DM.; Berlin Red Overprint at 80DM. mint, 60DM. used; UPU at 120DM.; Currency Victims set at 90DM.; the Block at 100DM.; and 120DM. postmarked; Liberty Bell I at 75DM.; Goethe at 75DM.—these are really mouth-watering morsels.

The Saar also has shown no signs of slackening as these quotations (in marks) prove:

	Mint	Used
1948 Flood Relief set	70	75
Sheets	600	650
1949 Horses	36	42
Charity	140	150
1950 Kolping	38	40
Wust	10	9
Ibasa	150	165
Council Of Europe	116	100

In other words, they are up a good 50 to 100%. If you originally put away a block of four of all Saar at new issue rate, you certainly have not lost out!

Austria Club Starts FPO Work

Austro-Hungarian APO's, 1914-1918, are covered in the first publication and listing of these still easy-to-come-by items which has been turned out by the active Austrian Stamp Club of Great Britain. Send \$3 to Keith Tranmer, 8 Billet Close, Hornchurch, Essex, England and receive the listing with all its future supplements, in a neat yellow folder.

The club has certainly put an immense deal of effort into this compilation; there will be ten parts as follows: F.P.O. Numbers, Base P.O.'s, Lager (Camp, Offices, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Italy, mobile EPO's, and two sections of illustrations of all available types.

The work is based on original research, and nothing quite so comprehensive has been published before in either English or German.

Medals Galore

Hats off to "Chefredakteur" (Master Editor) Dr. F. W. Gerhard Schmidt, Berlin, who was awarded the Gold Medal at the 1957 "Suposta" German National Stamp Exhibition, Stuttgart, for his exhibit "The written and spoken word in the service of philately". In addition, he received the Gold Medal of the Stuttgart Postal Directorate for his exhibit.

The awards were well deserved, for there can be few philatelic journalists who devote more time and effort to their livelihood.

Besides editing a large number of publications—the Kohl handbook



PHILATELIC WEEK

ANNUAL PHILATELIC WEEK. A 10 yen commemorative in several colors was issued by Japan on November 1 as a tribute to the hobby of stamp collecting. Designer Masaru Kimura adapted a 200-year old woodblock print by the famous Ukiyoe artist Suzuki Marunobu as the stamp picture. It shows a Japanese girl in Kimono and Obi bouncing a ball. Covers were sent by T/Sgt Hal A. Barfield stationed in Japan, and Riichi Yoshida, 3-3600 Mejiro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

(Neues Handbuch der Philatelie), the magazines "Berufs-Philatelist" and "Der Auktionator", the society publications "Infla Berichte" and "Collegium Philatelicum" he also contributes weekly stamp features to a number of German and Berlin newspapers, speaks regularly over Radio Berlin, and writes features for a wide range of German philatelic publications.

Further, he is also a leading light in the Berlin journalistic and public relations organizations, serves on the German Postal Stamp Design Council, and contributes to publications on a wide range of domestic and interior decorating subjects. Only he knows just where he gets the time to devote to philately as such, the arrangement of exhibits for the Berlin Post Office, and other ancillary incidentals.

Certainly, when I recently called on him in his charming flat close to a still heavily damaged part of the former German capital, he was busy making up one of his journals, having just listened to a recording of one of his broadcasts on the radio. Yet he found time to discuss with me a wide range of subjects of mutual interest. It was, of course, after midnight when we parted—just in time to catch the night collection from a nearby mail box.

Halle, Hosang, And Hot Water

Major Halle of Baltimore has written a long letter to this publication, which has been passed to me. It concerns itself principally with the activities of Joachim Hosang (now aged 22), self-appointed "expert" on wartime fakes and forgeries, whose publication on the subject are no doubt the most comprehensive piece of work ever done of this subject.

In so doing, however, Hosang has also succeeded establishing a range of prices which is apparently open to severe criticism. So likewise are other practices such as the unauthorized disclosure of classified information in Part IV of his work "Gezähnte Kriegspropaganda". The activities of the "Kampfgruppe gegen die Unmenslichkeit" and of the "Standard-Verlag" were both very definitely not for publication. Their appearance in public print, however specialized, led to some unpleasant interviews between Hosang and the German police. In these Dr. Wittmann, the well known specialist dealer in German material and publisher of Hosang's latest work, was involved.

Now this may or may not affect Major Halle's arguments. In his letter to Linn's he put forward certain counter-claims to discuss which would only lead to endless bickerings and reflections on personalities in public print—a course neither useful nor, indeed, edifying. The argument really boils down to a question of whose opinion of whom is higher, or who is trying to make a fast (or illicit) pfennig. As such it should not be aired at this stage.

Let me just report that for two years Hosang was banned from exhibiting at all shows organized under the supervision of the German Philatelic Federation, and that his career as an "expert" has been short and none too sweet. He resigned in a huff when the rest of German philately failed to agree with his points of view. Nuff said.

If you don't believe that curiosity killed the cat, and if you want to read some genuine "classified" information, I can get you a copy of the book of propaganda forgeries for \$2. (Address: 41 Charlwood St., London SW1, England.)

A good deal of Major Halle's letter is occupied in wondering whether some of the facts—the political facts and the alleged effects of the K G U's activities—could in fact have taken place. Well, an American philatelic publication is not the place in which to discuss the effects of apparently genuine instructions to East German trading stores, except to note

that such instructions were said to have been franked with faked stamps. One can go into too much detail.

As for the production of the labels imitating East German stamps, these are part and parcel of the productions of a certain "artist" currently under arrest in Berlin, whose dwelling has been searched several times by the Berlin police, resulting—so rumor hath it—in the discovery of instruments for (philatelic) forgery. Certainly the matter is assuming a different aspect when one recalls that not only "real" propaganda imitations, but also actual philatelic items (Marienwerder overprints and the likes) were included in the artistic scope which this man apparently set for himself. If you live in a hotbed of espionage activity, you must expect to take forgery as part and parcel of your surroundings.

After all, East Germany did not initiate her Courier Service of messengers for "Official Mail Grade A" for nothing, and who is to know how much real interference there was with the apparatus of government which is, after all, just on the other side of the Brandenburg Gate.

If you don't believe me, please imagine a slice of Moscow, guarded by units of the Red Army and virtualized and supplied without let or hindrance direct from Russia, in the middle of downtown New York. The amount of jiggery-pokery and dislocation of New York security, civic life and organization which could be effected from a couple of dozen blocks of New York under enemy control, can be imagined.

If you feel that the mails cannot be interfered with (remembering that for New Yorkers, access to the area is free and untrammelled from both sides) then you have another thought coming. Unless you have been in Berlin, you'll find the idea almost impossible to comprehend. But the city is worth a trip, so if you can get there, do so.

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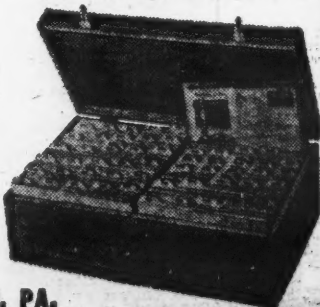
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VATICAN SOCIETY (Continued from page 1)

Chapter has been able to distribute to its members almost 150 pages of information on the stamps of Roman States.

Membership is drawn from most of the 48 states, including the District of Columbia, Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands, thus making most of the members Americans. Other members of long standing reside in Canada, England, Mexico and France, while others have found their way to Panama and Iran in following their occupations. Two members have been residents of Vatican City itself.

Catholics, Protestants and Jews make up the membership; professional men, business men and women, laborers, housewives, ministers, priests, nuns, and religious brothers; students and teachers; young, middle-aged and old are included.

While most philatelic societies have increased their dues, the Vatican Philatelic Society has thus far been able to economize and keep its annual dues at \$2. In recent months a translating

service for philatelic material has been established for Spanish, German and Italian.

A Sales Department is in the process of organization and hopes to see the light of day soon. The publication of an annual membership list has made it possible for collectors of like interest to know each other, discovering those near at hand and contacting others by mail.

All the officers are elected and serve on an unpaid basis. Many hours are given by each official from his spare time merely because of his interest in the hobby and the society's purposes. We feel that the VPS has done some fine work in the field of Vatican Philately, but we realize that much more remains to be done.

Roman States Philately, which was under the chairmanship of the late Louis Klein of Atlantic City, is now in the capable hands of William Johnson of Lansdowne, Pa. He is giving the Vatican Notes a series of articles on Roman States covers. Some illustrated material on the identification of genuine Roman States stamps of the 1852 issue has been published in the Notes and more is to come. But like everything else—time, money and space are required to continue each phase of philately in the Vatican and Roman States fields.

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tend slowly but surely to publish the results of their studies. Because of our low membership fee, the quantity of material published must be limited by our financial budget.

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Schenectady Club Books Banquet, Party

The annual Christmas dinner and party of the Schenectady, N. Y. Stamp Club will be held December 9 in the United Presbyterian Church. Turkey 'n' everything are promised. Guest speaker will be Elmer R. Long, Harrisburg, Pa.

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FINLAND. Ida Aalberg, famous Finnish actress is to be commemorated on the centenary of her birth with the issuance on December 4 of a 30 markka stamp. It will bear her portrait—the color will be red-brown, violet and gray.

GERMANY (West). A 20pf. commemorative was issued on October 28 for the 7th World Front Soldiers Congress held from October 24 to November 1 in Berlin. The stamp shows the symbol of the organization. It is multi-colored having been printed in light-green, dark green, and yellow.

On November 16 a 10pf. stamp was issued to mark the 500th anniversary of the first Parliament. The House of Wuertemberg Landtag is used as the design and the colors are light green, dark green, and yellow.

GERMANY (East). The Day of the Postage Stamp, October 25, was the occasion for the issuance of a 5pf. commem. The color is blue on a mauve background.

IRAN. Two stamps were issued on October 24 honoring the work of the United Nations. The design is the same on both it showing a globe of the world, the United Nations symbol, and a bird flying over them. The values and colors are 10R. orange and cerise; 20R. lavender and purple.

JAPAN. A girl bouncing a ball is the design of a 10 yen stamp issued on November 1 in honor of the 1957 Philatelic Week. Four colors were used, yellowish red, dull blue, yellowish brown, and black.

LIBERIA. The Antoinette Tubman Child Welfare Foundation Issue comprising four postage and two airmail stamps appeared on November 25. The values, designs, and colors are as follows: Postage—4c green and orange (children in playground); 5c light green and brown (teacher and pupil); 6c purple and brown (nursing) with Liberian National anthem in background; 10c blue and red (children looking at Foundation buildings); 15c light blue and brown (boy being inoculated by nurse); and 35c maroon and gray (Kamara Triplet and Foundation buildings).

A miniature sheet is to be released at the same time having a face value of 70c and bearing the design of the 10c value. This denomination will be for airmail.

LICHTENSTEIN. Christmas will be marked this year with the issuance of a set of stamps of the following values and designs: 10 Rappen dark sepia (Chapel of St. Mamertus); 40R. dark blue (Altar Shrine in the Chapel); 1.50R. dark red brown (symbolic design of Christmas). The stamps will be issued on December 16.

SWITZERLAND. Five semi-postals will be issued again this year for Pro Juventute. The 5c plus 5c depicts the famous mathematician Leonhard Euler. The other four values finish the "Insect" series started in 1950. These are: 10c plus 10c, 20c plus 10c, 30c plus 10c, and 40c plus 10c. These stamps will be valid for postage from November 30 1957 to June 30, 1958.

THAILAND. A 25 Satangs green Commemorative was issued on October 24 for United Nations Day. The United Nations symbol is in the center of the design.

1958 Convention Of PSFS In Birmingham

New officers were elected for the Peninsular State Philatelic Society during the group's annual convention and exhibition at Toledo, Ohio. Edwin E. Puls of Birmingham, Mich. is the new president.

Other officers are vice presidents Ward Alkema, Detroit; Marvin Preston, Ferndale; Orian Green, Ferndale; secretary John D. Laurence, 1208 Van Buren, Saginaw, Mich.; treasurer Adolph G. Meyer, Detroit.

The Birmingham, Mich. Stamp Club will be host to the PSFS convention which is scheduled for Aprils 12-13, 1958. The affair will double as a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the host group.

The entire event—convention, exhibition and bourse—will be held in the Birmingham Community House. All persons interested in further details may inquire of Marvin Preston, 640 Woodland West, Ferndale 20, Mich.

Facit Catalog Has Scandinavia Listed

The catalog for which most of the collectors of the Scandinavian nations have a great deal of respect is the "Facit Special-katalog." It covers just the five nations of the area—Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland. It is published by the Frimaerksuset AB of Stockholm, Sweden.

However, it is sold in the U.S. by Jacob Habib, Room 1217, 154 Nassau St., New York 38, N.Y. at \$1.75 postpaid.

Sweden is given a top specialized treatment while the stamps of the other four countries are detailed nearly as well. In any event, there are enough legitimate listings beyond what one finds in the general catalogs to make a well-informed collector. The book has fine illustrations these showing all the stamp designs, plus extra treatment for varieties which are shown in greater detail. The 312 pages are bound between card covers and thumb-indexed by nations. The book is pocket-size.

Swedish language and currency are used throughout. There is included a glossary which translates from that language to English, German and French.

Merchantville Club Elects, Plans Banquet

Close on the heels of the recent SOJEX exhibition in Atlantic City in which it had a very active part, the Merchantville, N. J. Stamp Club held its annual election and began plans for the yearly banquet to be held December 11.

The new officers are Norman Sheppard, president; J. Weer Chew, vice president; William R. Mullooney, treasurer, and Harry Buckler, secretary. Information about the club activities, including the banquet, is available from Clifford Bieber, 11 Telford Rd., Somerdale, N. J.

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I have heard that there are those people who can take an old U.S. cover apart, take off the stamp, clean the cover and then put the whole works back together and come up with a nice clean cover. I came across a 15c Richmond, Va. B-11 Bureau the other day that was about B-plus in condition. The only fly in the ointment was that there was some top selvaige left on the stamps with all the perf discs still in place.

I took a sharp pair of tweezers (especially made for me) and proceeded to operate on said stamp. The patient survived but after the operation I am not sure whether I would not have had just as good a stamp had I left the perf discs where they were.

Why is it that some people can take a cover apart and put it back together again and I can't even take the perfs off of a stamp and make it look neat? The trouble? Little pieces of the discs which are left on the stamp. What should I have done to have performed this operation correctly.

BULLETIN BOARD

The Bulletin of the National Railway Historical Society (fourth quarter) was mailed from Allentown, Pa with a 4c Liberty in Allentown's neat double line electro type. A very beautiful stamp. I don't know much about this society but Chas. Houser, 734 St. John St., Allentown, Pa. can supply information about this interesting club.

Back to the regular precancel field. The Keystone, September issue (boy was it late) mailed from Sipesville, Pa. with a 2c Liberty. Guess they were waiting on this town which was worth waiting for, I think.

The Nebraska news was mailed from North Loup, 1c Liberties (type U-120).

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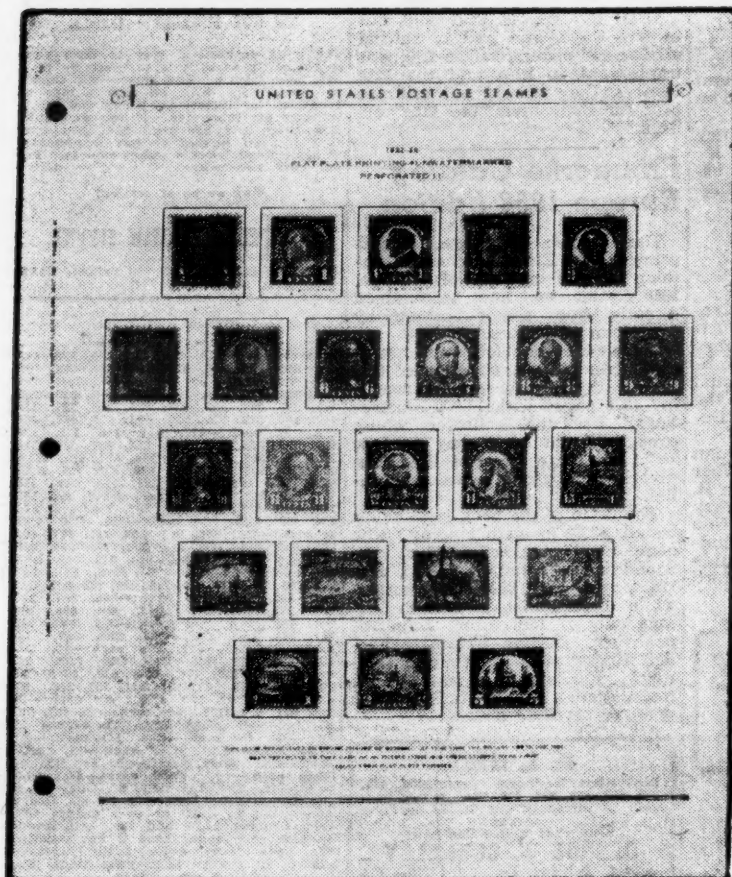
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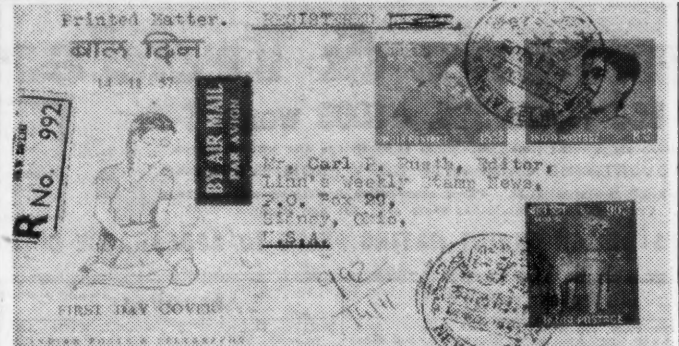
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BRITISH EMPIRE REVIEW
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Recent official figures revealed by the **Egyptian Post Office** Department will be of great interest to those who like to put away an extra block or two of issues which have a good chance for early price advances:

Year and Issue	Mils.	Printed	Sold
1952			
Revolution ..	4	517,500	All sold
	10	1,100,000	All sold
	17	800,000	All sold
	22	827,500	All sold
1953			
Electronics	10	1,016,000	All sold
1954			
Republic ..	10	1,025,000	All sold
	30	500,000	All sold
Evacuation ..	10	1,061,000	All sold
	35	554,500	All sold
1955			
Arab. F. U.	5	1,032,500	634,448
	10	1,042,700	976,328
	37	362,450	207,333
Rotary	10	1,025,000	All sold
	35	511,500	All sold
Arab			
Post. Com.	5	394,400	All sold
	10	281,850	All sold
	37	257,450	109,441
1956			
Arab. Jam.	10+10	552,450	134,813
	20+20	543,350	134,129
	35+15	549,000	131,922
Souvenir			
Sht. (Perf.)	100	3,800	1,097
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Sht. (Impf.)	100	3,800	1,097
Afro Asia. Fes.	10	889,650	All sold
	35	280,000	All sold
Nationalisation	10	2,071,750	All sold
Museum	10	273,350	All sold
Perf-Said	10	1,032,900	All sold
1957			
Evacuation	10	1,073,200	All sold
Railways Cen.	10	541,500	All sold
Mother's Day	10	512,950	All sold
Rosetta	10	510,000	All sold
Re-opening ..	100	250,000	All sold
Al 'Azhar	10	533,450	All sold
	15	498,000	All sold
	20	309,150	All sold
Gaza			
Gaza	10	313,500	All sold
Gaza (Palestine)	10	111,400	All sold
First Aid	10+5	267,050	All sold
Sheph'd's Hotel	10	2,000,000	All sold
Nation. Assem.	10	2,000,000	All sold

On the basis of this tabulation, the obvious "winners" are: Scott Nos. 375-377, 381-383, 384-5, 387, 393, 394, 395-397, B13-15, B16 and N57. Virtually all can be picked up at new issue prices, but probably not for very long. There is every indication that those who act promptly will benefit by this official, newly-released Egyptian bulletin.

These should also be picked up finely cancelled, when possible. The best Egyptian issues of the past six years are the Boy Scout Jamboree Souvenir Sheets (2) which we tipped here when new and when their price was around \$30. You're in luck if you can find them at twice that amount today!

Canada's "Outdoor Recreation" set of four, printed in the "check-board" pattern, is no longer on sale at Canadian post offices and it appears that this popular topical issue has a bright future. In any event, a few sheets stuck away are an incomparably better bet than the hopeless U.S. 3c commemoratives.

Pakistan commemorated the first anniversary of its proclamation as "Islamic Republic" by issuing two low values and a 10 Rupee stamp (Scott Nos. 87-89). Apparently rising prices are a universal phenomenon because Pakistan will mark the second anniversary of the above milestone by releasing a 15 Rupee value next March 23. Although officially described as a commemorative, the newcomer will replace the current 15R. (Scott No. 42) which will continue to remain on sale until supplies are exhausted.

London market prices of used Canadian high values: Scott 294 - 50c Oilwell, 21c; Scott 334 - 50c Textiles, 14c; Scott 302 - \$1 Fishing, 42c; Scott 321 - \$1 Totem Pole, 35c.

While these are sound stamps, the "Officials" have proved to be a much better bet investment-wise, led by the spectacular 027. A mint imprint block of 16 of Scott 026a, 15 stamps properly

overprinted "G", one with overprint omitted, is currently on sale in the British capital for \$168 which is quite a bargain on the basis of Scott's quotation of \$400 net, in italics.

India's 15np. "Centenary of the Mutiny" stamp was designed to cover the inland letter rate due to be raised from 13np. to 15np. It had been printed in anticipation of the increase. This is equally true of the brand new 15np. Red Cross Conference pictorial. However the rate increase has not yet gone into effect as far as we can learn and the new "permanent" small map set in fact does not include a 15np. at all. This means that the Mutiny and Red Cross are likely to be surprisingly scarce in used condition, so watch for any copies that may come your way!

Coming back to Egyptian issues once more, used "bar" overprints are not as plentiful as they used to be and certain values are beginning to disappear from dealers' stocks which goes even for quite a few denominations quoted for under two dollars in the catalogue. No point in waiting, if this is your cup of tea.

The Federation of the West Indies issue of 30 QEII denominations is expected to be a shot in the arm for the B.W.I. field. There will be 10 sets of three values each, all in B.W.I. currency (3, 6 and 12c) except for Jamaica's 2d, 5d and 6d. The design, common to all, will include the familiar portrait of the Queen by Pietro Annigoni.

This same artist, lauded for the Queen's portrait, was widely attacked for one he made of the Duke of Edinburgh more recently. One paper thought that the Duke looked like a shift-eyed cardsharp while another commented that this was the likeness of a man one wouldn't want to meet in a dark alley!

The colors will be dark green, blue and red. The colonies participating will be Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Trinidad & Tobago. Of course, there are still a few islands which will not be in the new Federation, principally for geographical reasons such as the long string of Bahamian islands and the more northerly vacation paradise of Bermuda.

The two Somaliland Protectorate "Legislative Council" commemoratives have just been taken off sale. As there is practically no commercial mail from this God-forsaken territory, used copies will never "grow on trees".

Latest Commonwealth arrivals in New York include the Turks & Caicos QEII set, 14 values, 1d through 10/-, which will cause ecstasy amongst topicalists, especially those interested in "fish" stamps. Not less than eight denominations feature different denizens of the deep! Flamingo fanciers are taken care off on the 8d, while sailboat enthusiasts will pounce on the remaining values.

Canadian long-range prospects include issues commemorating the Commonwealth Economic Conference, the Centenary of the province of British Columbia and the opening of the colossal St. Lawrence Seaway.

New Zealand's recent Health miniature sheets exist with watermark upright and watermark sideways. Make sure you have both.

One of the largest philatelic exhibitions ever held anywhere will take place in London from July 9 to 16, 1960. The scene will be the Royal Festival Hall. A mysterious Bahawalpur "1947 Interim period" set, India's KGV set, 3p to 10R, 17 values, overprinted Star and Crescent, is being offered in London at \$56. Catalogues make no mention of it.

That's it for now, see you next week!

Reveal Criteria For New Stamps

"A Guide For The Selection Of United States Commemorative Postage Stamps", a 16-page booklet, is now available free of charge from the Post Office Department, Washington, D.C.

This booklet tells in simple terms for the first time the procedure to be followed in requesting the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp.

Prepared by the Department's Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, the booklet lists seven criteria for commemorative stamps adopted by the Committee on August 30, 1957.

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WANTED, MINT U.N. INSCRIPTION
Blocks. Send With Lowest Price, Or For
My offer. John Martin, Box 3575, Phila-
delphia, Pa. (18)

1957 HUMAN RIGHTS - MINT 3c In-
scription Block Four 20, (10) \$1.80, 8c
Inscription block six: 30, (10) 2.75, 8c
Inscription block four: 35, (10) 5.25, In-
scription block six: 75, (10) 7.25. Single-
1c over face on orders over 2.00 set on
Artcraft first day covers: Singles: 30,
blocks of four .65, inscription blocks .95.
Inquire about our inexpensive cover
service. Yale Stamp Company, 152-65A
71 Crescent, Fresh Meadows 65, N.Y. (19)

U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS, DEC. 10-SETS OF
Sheets \$6.30, five sets \$30.00; inscrip-
tion, blk. 4-70c; blk. 4-55c. Artmaster
or Artcraft Unaddressed First Day Cov-
ers-singles 35c; combo 25c; blk. 4-70c;
M.I. 4-85c. E. Scheiner, 1895 Morris
Ave., Bronx 53, N. Y. (19)

MINT SINGLES, IMPRINT BLOCKS.
Miniature Sheet, Complete Country. Is-
rael, singles, tabs, blocks. Request list.
H. Essex, 11683 Forest Grove, El Monte,
Calif. (17)

WANTED TO BUY UNADDRESSED FDC.
Large Or Small Lots. John W. Burr,
1017 Raymond Drive, Fort Dodge, Iowa. (18)

WANTED

LARGE QUANTITIES 3c POSTAGE. ONLY
4% discount. Higher denominations 7%.
Prompt remittance. Plate Blocks, incor-
porated, 2800-06 West Eastwood Ave.,
Chicago 25, Illinois. (17)

HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID FOR
stamps. Collections, accumulations and
dealer stock. Check by return air mail.
A. Larsen, 1423 Cleveland, Racine, Wis. (17)

POSTAGE 1c, 2c, 3c. ONLY 3% DISCOUNT.
5c to \$2.00, including 8c airmail and 30c
Spec. Del., 6% discount. Prompt remittance.
E. Eisensohn, 4022 Bedford Ave.,
Brooklyn 29, New York. (17)

STILL PAYING \$12.36 PER 100 FOR 3c
Mint Plate Blocks collectible condition,
quantity unlimited. Crane, Box 351, Al-
toona, Penna. (17)

WANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF COLLECT-
able Stamps for Permanently Hospital-
ized Invalid Veterans. M.S. Brainard,
Brookings, Oregon. (Certified: U.S.V.A.
Volunteer Services.) (17)

STILL PAYING \$2.50 PER THOUSAND
For Large Commemorative On Paper.
Any quantity. Prompt remittance. R.
T. Fiske, Westfield, New York. (17)

PRECANCELLED WANTED. FROM MIS-
sions, Mail Order Houses. Also Accumu-
lations, collections. Cash or exchange.
Harry Seiger, 390 Georgia Ave., Brook-
lyn 7, N. Y. (18)

STRICTLY ON SPECULATION: WILL PAY
\$10.00 Per 100 for fine used 10c Famous
Americans well mixed, not all 1 kind.
Remittance by return mail. Van Der-
grift, 1027 N. Main, Sidney, Ohio. (17)

WANTED OHIO COVERS, 1800 TO 1900
Send For List. Harold Schlegel, 2934
118th, Toledo, Ohio. (18)

WANTED-EARLY FLORIDA COVERS-
2c Black Jacks Covers, Cancels Or Other
Items-early Valentine covers-Broken
bank notes-Used Civil War Enve-
lopes. Send on approval priced or write
offers. H. F. Jenne, 645 Royal Plaza,
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (22)

SELMA OR CAHA (W)BA, ALABAMA
stamps, Confederate or Postmaster
Provisionals. Art Lewis, Selma, Ala. (17)

FREE BUYING LIST USED UNITED
States stamps per hundred. J. C. Watts,
175 State St., Bangor, Maine, Member:
A.S.D.A., A.P.S., S.P.A., N.P.S., P.I.B. (17)

NEED DUCK STAMPS. ALSO OTHER
U.S. Or Canada. Leo Scarlet, 191-17
104th Ave., St. Albans, 12, N.Y. (17)

VATICAN, SAAR, ISRAEL, UNITED NA-
tions (N.Y.) And Worldwide, Cambodia,
Laos, Viet Nam, mint-unmixed wanted.
Send offers. Ludwig Weinberger, 114
West 70th Street New York 23, N.Y. (24)

U.S. ONLY: COLLECTIONS, ODD LOTS,
Anything, No Lot Too Small. Cash im-
mediately. Grant, 3935 - 19th, Wyand-
otte, Mich. (17)

AUCTION REALIZATIONS OR BETTER IN
Cash For Anything Philatelic Worth \$25
or more. Robert Harris, 4523 Bankhead,
Norfolk 13, Va. (ASDA) (19)

MINT AND USED UNITED STATES
Please Send Registered With Selling
Price. Robbins, 18 Edinburgh Drive,
North Charleston, S. C. (17)

BALLOONS MONTES, SEND DESCRIP-
tion Or Submit With Price Asked. Er-
nest Taves, M.D., 16 Gray Gardens East,
Cambridge 38, Mass. (19)

1898 BATTLESHIP PROPRIETARY REVEN-
ues With Printed Cancellations. Cash
or trade. William Wolford, 788 East
Broad, Westfield, N.J. (19)

COLLECTIONS AND HIGH VALUE
Stamps Urgently Wanted. Top Prices
Paid. Check in 24 hours. Drasin's
Stamp Store, 516 Baltimore, Philadel-
phia, Pa. (17)

INFORMATION ON HISTORICAL VALUE
Of Specimen U.S. Postal Warrants 1860-
1880. A. Ballantine, Box 307, Absecon,
N. J. (17)

\$100 TO \$10,000. WE CAN USE ALMOST
Anything. For Cash, U.S. Or Foreign.
Send detailed list with price, to H.
Dreyfus, Box 37, Sunnyvale, Calif. (17)

MINT: PLATE BLOX 129-1029, ANY
Quantity, \$13 Per 100. Immediate pay-
ment on receipt. Send offers air plate
blox, commemo sheets, etc. Ruby, Box
375, Lynbrook, N.Y. (17)

WANTLISTS

FINLAND, SCANDINAVIA & ICELAND.
Send Your Want List. Also P.C.'s. Has
Elmgren, P.O. Box 301 - Station Q
Toronto 7, Ont. Canada. (18)

LIBERIA, LIBERIA. YOUR WANTLIST
Solicited. Special 400 varieties Liberia
\$39.95. Paul Sheridan, Route One, Ful-
ton, N.Y. (22)

IF ITS AUSTRIA YOU WANT SEND ME
Your List. Paul F. Leffler, 905 Ferry
Avenue, Niagara Falls, N.Y. (ASDA) (28)

ETHIOPIA ONLY. WANT LISTS SOLI-
cited. Ethiopia Associates, Box 341,
Ashland 4, Oregon. (26)

WHOLESALE

U.S. NEW COMPLETE 1957 LIST-MINT.
used, and plate blocks per 1 and 10-
Ernest Lush, 6422 Elsworth, Detroit 38,
Michigan. (17)

DEALERS! DOLLARS SAVED ARE DOL-
lars earned. Our bi-monthly bulletins
(25th year) offer hundreds of bargains
in every issue. Sets, packets, singles,
joblots, junior lines, dealer helps, etc.
Free to dealers. Midwood Stamp Co.,
147 West 42 St., New York 36, N. Y. (17)

1958 WHOLESALE PRICE LIST OF UNIT-
ed States stamps free on request to
dealers and investors. S. H. Engel Com-
pany, 38 Park Row, New York 38, New
York. (17)

1958 WHOLESALE USED U. S. PRICE
List Free to dealers, investors. Satis-
faction guaranteed. J. & L. Stamp Co.,
Milford, Iowa. (17)

DEALERS ONLY - SEND \$1.00 FOR FULL
year's subscription to the bi-weekly
wholesale publication "The Stamp Deal-
er", 5566 Buckingham, Detroit 24, Mich.
(17)

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Wholesaler" - World's largest magazine
for the Stamp Dealer! Seven trial is-
sues \$1.00 (to stamp dealers only).
Stamp Wholesaler, Box 106, Burlington
5, Vermont. (17)

DEALERS - LISTS FREE. PEARL BRO-
kers, 476 Smith Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. (24)

LOWER WHOLESALE PRICES FOR DEAL-
ers. Investors, Speculators. List Free.
Write airmail. Smith Company, Half-
waytree-LWL, Jamaica, B.W.I. (17)

FOREIGN SINGLES SETS. LISTS FREE.
Progressive, 270L Burkhardt Cincinnati
15, Ohio. (23)

WHOLESALE CATALOG LISTING MANY
Thousands Sets, Short Sets, Topicals
British Colonials, packets. Free to bona
fide stamp dealers. Paul Ledermann,
33-25 81st St., Jackson Heights 72, N.Y. (17)

ATTRACTIVE, FAST SELLING WHOLE-
sale Approvals To Dealers Only. Write
for details. Stevens, 3021 N.W. 57th
Ave., West Hollywood, Fla. (17)

PHILATELIC PRINTING-SUPPLIES. FREE
Price List. With Samples 10c. World's
largest! Jumbo Deluxe Sample Kit
\$4.00. Camposco, Box L, Buckland,
Conn. (19)

LAOS, CAMBODIA AND VIET-NAM. SEND
Want List On Letter-Head stating quan-
tities desired. Frank Stefanovich, 4379
Wickham Ave., New York 66, N.Y. (18)

NEW 1958 WHOLESALE UNITED STATES
Price List. Free Upon Request To
Dealers and Investors. Hy Bedrin, 116L
Nassau St., New York 38, N.Y. (17)

PHILATELIC TRADER: LONDON BI-
weekly with overseas market reports,
news, wholesale contacts. (Established
1899). Dealers only! Year \$1.50, three
years \$4.00. samples 10c. U.S. Agent:
Daniel Vooya, Box 533, Jamestown 3,
N.Y. (23)

8c MAGSAYSAY WHOLESALE-\$6.50 PER
10, \$65.00 per 100. Satisfaction guaran-
teed. John W. Reid (APS-BIA) 14244
Puritas Ave., Cleveland 11, Ohio. (17)

MIXTURES LIST FREE. 250 LARGE
Pictorials \$1.00. Dancer, B75-L, Mans-
field, Ohio. (17)

USED AIR MAILS. WHOLESALE PRICE
List Free To Dealers On Letterhead re-
quest. Also Brazil, Dominican Republic,
Haiti, S. Porcella, Box 593, Cranford,
N.J. (17)

50,000 FOREIGN AND U.S. OFF-PAPER.
Sorted By Country And Type. Over 50
varieties! Excellent condition. One lot.
First \$40.00 takes postpaid. A. E.
Batchelder, 242 Home St., Long Beach
5, Cal. (18)

ALL PICTORIAL MIXTURE. MADE FROM
Choice Government, Commercial And
Other unusual mixtures. 95% commemo-
ratives and large pictorials. \$8.00
postpaid. Halsey, 206-B Boulevard,
Hastbruck Heights, N. J. (21)

WHOLESALE ILLUSTRATED LIST, SING-
les, Sets, Etc. At Lowest Prices For
3c postage. Frankco, 5031 Queensberry,
Baltimore 15, Md. (17)

New AP "Annals"
Explores U.S. 16c

The latest number of "Aero
Philatelist Annals" has an interest-
ing article on the second U.S. air-
mail stamp; the 16c green of 1918.
It describes and illustrates eight
various First Day and First Flight
covers. The author is Henry M.
Goodkind, whose previous studies
of the 1918 airmail issue have
proven so popular.

The recent find of Canal Zone's
31c airmail stamp imperf. verti-
cally has brought to light some
further data, written about in
great detail by the well known
Canal Zone specialist, Lt. Col.
James T. DeVoss.

Both Newfoundland and airmail
collectors will want to learn about
a newly made "Alcock-Brown"
fake cover, which is written up
and illustrated by comparison with
the scarce genuine 1919 flight cov-
ers.

There are shorter articles on
Latvia and Uruguay, and the edi-
torial should interest all, because
it treats one of the world's rarest
stamps of which a single unused
copy recently brought \$11,500 at
auction.

Non-members may secure this
32-page number by sending \$1 re-
mittance to Aero Philatelists, 22
E. 35th St., New York 16, N.Y.

Roosevelt Society
Installs New Officers

New officers for the 1958 term
were installed November 5 by
the Roosevelt Philatelic Society,
Chicago, Ill. as follows: C. P.
Jorgensen, president; Leslie
Lawitz and John Bergman, Jr.,
vice presidents; Aaron Cohn,
treasurer, and L. E. Van Reeth,
Secretary.

The club meets on first and
third Tuesday

CHRISTMAS SALE OF U. S. STAMPS

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